



Welcome to the Beginning of our sport season. Last weekend saw several of our members travelling down south to compete at the SLSQ State Pool Rescue Championships. This weekend we head down to South Mission Beach for our first beach carnival. I urge everyone to come on down and join us. It is always a great weekend further enhanced by our host Club Mission Beach SLSC's hospitality.

My name is Fiona Grant and I have just been elected as North Queensland Branch President until the AGM in 2026.

I would like to thank two ladies who have contributed so much to both our Clubs and Branch.

Jemima Eveans, our past president, has worked tirelessly for the past 18mths, she has left big shoes to fill. Jemima has led us through changes both within our own Branch as well as SLSQ. She has been our voice on issues that affects us, all this while looking after a young family and juggling a full-time job.

Jen Rees stepped down as our Regional Office General Manager. Jen has led our region through many changes, as well as supporting our Clubs. Jen's accomplishments are too many to name, but her leadership with the involvement of our lifesavers in the rescue of our community during Cyclone Jasper was recognised both locally and down south.

I take my hat off to both ladies and again thank them for all that they have done, and continue to do, for surf lifesaving.

I would also like to congratulate Rachael Wynberg on her appointment as our new Regional Office General Manager. Many of our members know Rachael through her endeavours as our past president. She is a passionate advocate for surf lifesaving, and I am looking forward to working with her and her team.

I would like to thank our Branch Councillors (Club Presidents) for allowing me this opportunity. The support from them and the rest of my Board is very humbling.

We are all part of this wonderful movement we call our "Surf Family". My Board is here to share our knowledge and support our Clubs. We welcome all members suggestions and questions, sharing knowledge and reviewing current practices with fresh eyes can only improve and make our Branch stronger.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible on the beach.

Yours in Lifesaving

*Fiona Grant*